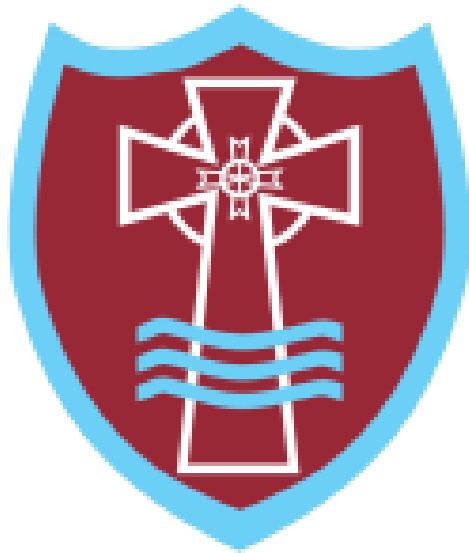


St Aidan's Catholic Primary Academy



e-Safety Policy



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Mission Statement

‘Together we all enjoy learning, achieving, sharing and praying.
Let Jesus’ love shine through in everything we do’.

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1. Introduction and Overview

Rationale

The purpose of this policy is to:

- set out the key principles expected of all members of the school community at St Aidan's Catholic Primary Academy with respect to the use of ICT-based technologies;
- safeguard and protect the children and staff of Aidan's Catholic Primary Academy;
- assist school staff working with children to work safely and responsibly with the Internet and other communication technologies and to monitor their own standards and practice;
- set clear expectations of behaviour and/or codes of practice relevant to responsible use of the Internet for educational, personal or recreational use;
- have clear structures to deal with online abuse such as cyberbullying which are cross referenced with other school policies;
- ensure that all members of the school community are aware that unlawful or unsafe behaviour is unacceptable and that, where appropriate, disciplinary or legal action will be taken;
- minimise the risk of misplaced or malicious allegations made against adults who work with pupils.

The main areas of risk for our school community can be summarised as follows:	
Content	Exposure to inappropriate content, including online pornography, ignoring age ratings in games and exposure to violence. Lifestyle websites, for example pro-anorexia/self-harm/suicide sites. Hate sites, including radicalisation. Content validation: checking authenticity and accuracy of online content.
Contact	Grooming. Cyber-bullying in all forms. Identity theft (including 'frape' (hacking Facebook profiles)) and sharing passwords.
Conduct	Privacy issues, including disclosure of personal information. Digital footprint and online reputation. Health and well-being (amount of time spent online (Internet or gaming)). Sexting (sending and receiving of personally intimate images) also referred to as SGII (self-generated indecent images). Copyright (little care or consideration for intellectual property and ownership – such as music and film).

Scope

This policy applies to all members of St Aidan's Catholic Primary Academy community (including staff, pupils, volunteers, parents/carers, visitors, community users) who have access to and are users of school ICT systems, both in and out of Aidan's Catholic Primary Academy.

The Education and Inspections Act 2006 empowers headteachers to such extent as is reasonable, to regulate the behaviour of pupils when they are off the school site and empowers members of staff to impose disciplinary penalties for inappropriate behaviour. This is pertinent to incidents of cyber-bullying, or other e-safety incidents covered by this policy, which may take place outside of the school, but is linked to membership of the school. The 2011 Education Act increased these powers with regard to the searching for and of electronic devices and the deletion of data. We also will comply with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which was introduced in May 2018.

The school will deal with such incidents within this policy and associated behaviour and anti-bullying policies and will, where known, inform parents/carers of incidents of inappropriate e-safety behaviour that take place out of school. Information/prevention classes for parents can also be held.

Roles and Responsibilities

Headteacher	<p>To take overall responsibility for e-safety provision.</p> <p>To take overall responsibility for data and data security (GDPR).</p> <p>To ensure the school uses an approved, filtered Internet Service, which complies with current statutory requirements.</p> <p>To be responsible for ensuring that staff receive suitable training to carry out their online safety roles and to train other colleagues, as relevant.</p> <p>To be aware of procedures to be followed in the event of a serious e-safety incident.</p> <p>To receive regular monitoring reports from the E-Safety Officer/Coordinator.</p> <p>To ensure that there is a system in place to monitor and support staff who carry out internal e-safety procedures (e.g. network manager).</p>
E-Safety Coordinator /Designated Child Protection Lead	<p>To take day to day responsibility for e-safety issues and has a leading role in establishing and reviewing the school e-safety policies/documents.</p> <p>To promote an awareness and commitment to e-safeguarding throughout the school community.</p> <p>To ensure that e-safety education is embedded across the curriculum.</p> <p>To liaise with school ICT technical staff.</p> <p>To communicate regularly with SLT and the designated e-safety governor/committee to discuss current issues, review incident logs and filtering/change control logs.</p>

	<p>To ensure that all staff are aware of the procedures that need to be followed in the event of an e-safety incident.</p> <p>To ensure that an e-safety incident log is kept up to date.</p> <p>To facilitate training and advice for all staff.</p> <p>To liaise with the Local Authority and relevant agencies.</p> <p>Is regularly updated in e-safety issues and legislation, and be aware of the potential for serious child protection issues to arise from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sharing of personal data; • access to illegal/inappropriate materials; • inappropriate on-line contact with adults/strangers; • potential or actual incidents of grooming; • cyber-bullying and use of social media.
Board of Governors	<p>To ensure that the school follows all current e-safety advice to keep the children and staff safe.</p> <p>To approve the e-Safety Policy and review the effectiveness of the policy. This will be carried out by receiving regular information about e-safety incidents and monitoring reports.</p> <p>To support the school in encouraging parents and the wider community to become engaged in e-safety activities, including parent classes.</p>
Computing Curriculum Leader	<p>To oversee the delivery of the e-safety element of the computing curriculum.</p> <p>To liaise with the e-safety coordinator regularly.</p>
Network Manager/ Technician	<p>To report any e-safety related issues that arises, to the e-safety coordinator.</p> <p>To ensure that users may only access the school's networks through an authorised and properly enforced password protection policy, in which passwords are regularly changed.</p> <p>To ensure that provision exists for misuse detection and malicious attack e.g. keeping virus protection up to date.</p> <p>To ensure the security of the school ICT system.</p> <p>To ensure that access controls/encryption exist to protect personal and sensitive information held on school-owned devices.</p>

	<p>To ensure the school's policy on web filtering is applied and updated on a regular basis.</p> <p>To inform LGfL of issues relating to the filtering applied.</p> <p>To keep up to date with the school's e-safety policy and technical information in order to effectively carry out their e-safety role and to inform and update others as relevant.</p> <p>To ensure the use of any <i>network/Virtual Learning Environment (LEARNING PLATFORM)/remote access/email</i> is regularly monitored in order that any misuse/attempted misuse can be reported to the <i>E-Safety Co-ordinator/Officer/Headteacher for investigation/action/sanction</i>.</p> <p>To ensure appropriate backup procedures exist so that critical information and systems can be recovered in the event of a disaster.</p> <p>To keep up-to-date documentation of the school's e-security and technical procedures.</p>
Learning Platform Leader	To ensure that all data held on pupils on the learning platform is adequately protected.
Data Manager	To ensure that all data held on pupils on the school office machines have appropriate access controls in place. (GDPR)
LGfL Nominated contact(s)	To ensure all LGfL services are managed on behalf of the school including maintaining LGfL USO database of access accounts.
Teachers	<p>To embed e-safety issues in all aspects of the curriculum and other school activities.</p> <p>To supervise and guide pupils carefully when engaged in learning activities involving online technology (including, extra-curricular and extended school activities if relevant).</p> <p>To ensure that pupils are fully aware of research skills and are fully aware of legal issues relating to electronic content such as copyright laws.</p>
All staff	<p>To read, understand and help promote the school's e-safety policies and guidance.</p> <p>To read, understand, sign and adhere to the school Staff Computer System Acceptable Use Form.</p> <p>To be aware of e-safety issues related to the use of mobile phones, cameras and hand held devices and that they monitor their use and implement current school policies with regard to these devices.</p>

	<p>To report any suspected misuse or problem to the e-safety coordinator.</p> <p>To maintain an awareness of current e-safety issues and guidance e.g. through CPD.</p> <p>To model safe, responsible and professional behaviours in their own use of technology.</p> <p>To ensure that any digital communications with pupils should be on a professional level and only through school based systems, never through personal mechanisms, e.g. email, text, mobile phones etc.</p>
Pupils	<p>To read, understand and adhere to the Safe and Responsible Internet Use Form signed by parents.</p> <p>To have a good understanding of research skills and the need to avoid plagiarism and uphold copyright regulations.</p> <p>To understand the importance of reporting abuse, misuse or access to inappropriate materials.</p> <p>To know what action to take if they or someone they know feels worried or vulnerable when using online technology.</p> <p>To know and understand school policy on the use of mobile phones, digital cameras and hand held devices.</p> <p>To know and understand school policy on the taking/use of images and on cyber-bullying.</p> <p>To understand the importance of adopting good e-safety practice when using digital technologies out of school and realise that the school's e-Safety Policy covers their actions out of school, if related to their membership of the school.</p> <p>To take responsibility for learning about the benefits and risks of using the Internet and other technologies safely both in school and at home.</p> <p>To help the school in the creation/review of e-safety policies.</p>
Parents/carers	<p>To read, sign and endorse the Parents' Acceptable Use Form which includes the pupils' use of the Internet and the school's use of photographic and video images.</p>

	<p>To read, understand and promote the school Safe and Responsible Internet Use Form with their children.</p> <p>To access the school website/LEARNING PLATFORM/ on-line pupil records in accordance with the relevant school Acceptable Use Form.</p> <p>To consult with the school if they have any concerns about their children's use of technology.</p>
External groups	Any external individual / organisation will sign an Acceptable Use Form prior to using any equipment or the Internet within school.

Communication

The policy will be communicated to staff/pupils/community in the following ways:

- policy to be posted on the school website;
- policy to be part of school induction pack for new staff;
- acceptable use forms discussed with pupils at the start of each year;
- acceptable use forms to be issued to whole school community, usually on entry to the school;
- acceptable use forms to be held in office files.

Handling complaints

- The school will take all reasonable precautions to ensure e-safety. However, owing to the international scale and linked nature of Internet content, the availability of mobile technologies and speed of change, it is not possible to guarantee that unsuitable material will never appear on a school computer or mobile device. Neither the school nor the Local Authority can accept liability for material accessed, or any consequences of Internet access.
- Staff and pupils are given information about infringements in use and possible sanctions. Sanctions available include:
 - interview/counselling by teacher/headteacher;
 - informing parents or carers;
 - removal of Internet or computer access for a period of time;
 - referral to LA/Police.
- Our E-Safety Leader acts as first point of contact for any complaint. Any complaint about staff misuse is referred to the headteacher.
- Complaints of cyberbullying are dealt with in accordance with our Anti-Bullying Policy. Complaints related to child protection are dealt with in accordance with school / LA child protection procedures.

Review and Monitoring

The e-safety policy is referenced within other school policies, including: Anti-Bullying policy and Behaviour policy.

- The school has an e-safety leader who will be responsible for document ownership, review and updates.
- The e-safety policy will be reviewed annually or when any significant changes occur with regard to the technologies in use within the school.
- The e-safety policy has been written/revised by the school e-safety leader and is current and appropriate for its intended audience and purpose.
- There is widespread ownership of the policy and it has been agreed by the SLT and approved by the Governing Board. All amendments to the school e-safeguarding policy will be discussed in detail with all members of teaching staff.

2. Education and Curriculum

Pupil e-safety curriculum

The school:

- Has a clear, progressive e-safety education programme as part of the computing curriculum/PSHE curriculum. It is built on LA/LGfL e-safeguarding and e-literacy framework for EYFS to Year 6 and national guidance. This covers a range of skills and behaviours appropriate to their age and experience, including:
 - to STOP and THINK before they CLICK;
 - to develop a range of strategies to evaluate and verify information before accepting its accuracy;
 - to be aware that the author of a web site / page may have a particular bias or purpose and to develop skills to recognise what that may be;
 - to know how to narrow down or refine a search;
 - to understand how search engines work and to understand that this affects the results they see at the top of the listings;
 - to understand acceptable behaviour when using an online environment / email, i.e. be polite, no bad or abusive language or other inappropriate behaviour and keeping personal information private;
 - to understand how photographs can be manipulated and how web content can attract the wrong sort of attention;
 - to understand why on-line 'friends' may not be who they say they are and to understand why they should be careful in online environments;
 - to understand why they should not post or share detailed accounts of their personal lives, contact information, daily routines, location, photographs and videos and to know how to ensure they have turned-on privacy settings;
 - to understand why they must not post pictures or videos of others without their permission;
 - to know not to download any files – such as music files - without permission;
 - to have strategies for dealing with the receipt of inappropriate materials;
 - [for older pupils] to understand why and how some people will 'groom' young people for sexual reasons;
 - to understand the impact of cyberbullying, sexting and trolling and know how to seek help if they are affected by any form of online bullying;
 - to know how to report any abuse including cyberbullying; and how to seek help if they experience problems when using the Internet and related

technologies, i.e. parent or carer, teacher or trusted staff member, or an organisation such as ChildLine.

- Plans Internet use carefully to ensure that it is age-appropriate and supports the learning objectives for specific curriculum areas;
- Will remind pupils about their responsibilities through the Acceptable Use Form which every parent signs on their child's behalf/reminders will be displayed throughout the school and displayed when a pupil logs on to the school network;
- Ensures staff will model safe and responsible behaviour in their own use of technology during lessons;
- Ensures that when copying materials from the web, staff and pupils understand issues around plagiarism; how to check copyright and also know that they must respect and acknowledge copyright / intellectual property rights;
- Ensures that staff and pupils understand the issues around aspects of the commercial use of the Internet, as age appropriate. This may include, risks in pop-ups; buying on-line; on-line gaming/gambling.

Staff and governor training

This school

- Ensures staff know how to send or receive sensitive and personal data and understand the requirement to encrypt data where the sensitivity requires data protection;
- Makes regular training available to staff on e-safety issues;
- Provides, as part of the induction process, all new staff with information and guidance on the e-safeguarding policy and the school's Acceptable Use Form for reading and signing.

Parent awareness and training

This school

- Runs a rolling programme of advice, guidance and training for parents, including:
 - Introduction of the Acceptable Use Form to new parents, to ensure that principles of e-safe behaviour are made clear;
 - Information leaflets; in school newsletters; on the school web site;
 - suggestions for safe Internet use at home;
 - provision of information about national support sites for parents.
 - The biggest streaming online game ever is Netflix' Squid games and below is the parental guidance link.
<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/wakeupwednesday/squid-game-trending-across-platforms-what-parents-need-to-know>

3. Expected Conduct and Incident management

Expected conduct

In this school, all users:

- are responsible for using the school IT systems in accordance with the relevant Acceptable Use Form which they will be expected to sign before being given access to school systems. (parents/carers sign on behalf of the pupil);
- need to understand the importance of misuse or access to inappropriate materials and are aware of the consequences;
- need to understand the importance of reporting abuse, misuse or access to inappropriate materials and know how to do so;
- should understand the importance of adopting good e-safety practice when using digital technologies out of school and realise that the school's E-Safety Policy covers their actions out of school, if related to their membership of the school;
- will be expected to know and understand school policies on the use of mobile phones, digital cameras and hand-held devices. They should also know and understand school policies on the taking/use of images and on cyber-bullying.

Staff

- are responsible for reading the school's e-safety policy and using the school IT systems accordingly, including the use of mobile phones, and hand-held devices.

Parents/Carers

- should provide consent for pupils to use the Internet, as well as other technologies, as part of the e-safety Acceptable Use Form at time of their child's entry to the school;
- should know and understand what the 'rules of appropriate use' are and what sanctions result from misuse.

Incident Management

In this school:

- there is strict monitoring and application of the e-safety policy and a differentiated and appropriate range of sanctions, though the attitudes and behaviour of users are generally positive and there is rarely need to apply sanctions;
- all members and its wider community are encouraged to be vigilant in reporting issues, in the confidence that issues will be dealt with quickly and sensitively, through the school's escalation processes;
- support is actively sought from other agencies as needed;
- monitoring and reporting of e safety incidents takes place and contribute to developments in policy and practice in e-safety within the school. The records are reviewed/audited and reported to the school's senior leaders, Governors /the LA / LSCB;

- parents /carers are specifically informed of e-safety incidents involving young people for whom they are responsible;
- we will contact the Police if one of our staff or pupils receives online communication that we consider is particularly disturbing or breaks the law.

4. Managing the ICT infrastructure

Internet access, security (virus protection) and filtering

This school:

- Has the educational filtered secure broadband connectivity through the LGfL and so connects to the 'private' National Education Network;
- Uses the LGfL Net Sweeper filtering system which blocks sites that fall into categories such as pornography, race hatred, gaming, sites of an illegal nature, etc. All changes to the filtering policy is logged and only available to staff with the approved 'web filtering management' status;
- Uses USO user-level filtering where relevant, thereby closing down or opening up options appropriate to the age / stage of the pupils;
- Ensures network healthy through use of Sophos anti-virus software (from LGfL) etc. and network set-up so staff and pupils cannot download executable files;
- Uses DfE, LA or LGfL approved systems such as S2S, USO FX, secured email to send personal data over the Internet and uses encrypted devices or secure remote access where staff need to access personal level data off-site;
- Blocks all Chat rooms and social networking sites except those that are part of an educational network or approved Learning Platform;
- Has blocked pupil access to music download or shopping sites – except those approved for educational purposes at a regional or national level, such as Audio Network;
- Uses security time-outs on Internet access where practicable/useful;
- Works in partnership with the LGfL to ensure any concerns about the system are communicated so that systems remain robust and protect pupils;
- Is vigilant in its supervision of pupils' use at all times, as far as is reasonable, and uses common-sense strategies in learning resource areas where older pupils have more flexible access;
- Ensures all staff and parents/carers have signed an Acceptable Use Form and understands that they must report any concerns;
- Ensure all pupils read the Acceptable Use Form and understand that they must report any concerns to the teacher/parent/carer;
- Ensures pupils only publish within an appropriately secure environment : the school's learning environment/the London LEARNING PLATFORM/ LGfL secure platforms such as J2Bloggy, etc;

- Requires staff: to preview websites before use and encourages use of the school's Learning Platform as a key way to direct pupils to age/subject appropriate web sites; and to plan the curriculum context for Internet use to match pupils' ability, using child-friendly search engines where more open Internet searching is required; e.g. [yahoo for kids](#) or [ask for kids](#) , Google Safe Search ,
- Never allows / Is vigilant when conducting 'raw' image search with pupils e.g. Google image search;
- Informs all users that Internet use is monitored;
- Informs staff and pupils that they must report any failure of the filtering systems directly to the teacher/person responsible for URL filtering. Our system administrator(s) logs or escalates as appropriate to the Technical service provider or LGfL Helpdesk as necessary;
- Makes clear all users know and understand what the 'rules of appropriate use' are and what sanctions result from misuse – through staff meetings and teaching programme;
- Provides advice and information on reporting offensive materials, abuse/ bullying etc. available for pupils, staff and parents;
- Immediately refers any material we suspect is illegal to the appropriate authorities – Police – and the LA.

Network management (user access, backup)

This school:

- Uses individual, audited log-ins for all users - the London USO system;
- Uses guest accounts occasionally for external or short term visitors for temporary access to appropriate services;
- Uses teacher 'remote' management control tools for controlling workstations / viewing users / setting-up applications and Internet web sites, where useful;
- Ensures the Systems Administrator / network manager is up-to-date with LGfL services and policies / requires the Technical Support Provider to be up-to-date with LGfL services and policies;
- Storage of all data within the school will conform to the UK data protection requirements.

To ensure the network is used safely, this school:

- Ensures staff read and sign that they have understood the school's e-safety Policy. Following this, they are set-up with Internet, email access and network access. Online access to service is through a unique, audited username and password.
- Staff access to the schools' management information system is controlled through a separate password for data security purposes;
- We provide pupils with an individual network log-in username. From Year 3 they are also expected to use a personal password;

- All pupils have their own unique username and password which gives them access to the Internet, the Learning Platform;
- We use the London Grid for Learning's Unified Sign-On (USO) system for username and passwords;
- Makes clear that no one should log on as another user and makes clear that pupils should never be allowed to log-on or use teacher and staff logins as these have far less security restrictions and inappropriate use could damage files or the network;
- Has set-up the network with a shared work area for pupils and one for staff. Staff and pupils are shown how to save work and access work from these areas;
- Requires all users to always log off when they have finished working or are leaving the computer unattended;
- Where a user finds a logged-on machine, we require them to always log-off and then log-on again as themselves;
- Requests that teachers and pupils do not switch the computers off during the day unless they are unlikely to be used again that day or have completely crashed. We request that they DO switch the computers off at the end of the day;
- Has blocked access to music/media download or shopping sites – except those approved for educational purposes;
- Scans all mobile equipment with anti-virus / spyware before it is connected to the network;
- Makes clear that staff are responsible for ensuring that all equipment that goes home has the anti-virus and spyware software maintained up-to-date and the school provides them with a solution to do so;
- Makes clear that staff are responsible for ensuring that any computer or laptop loaned to them by the school, is used solely to support their professional responsibilities and that they notify the school of any "significant personal use";
- Maintains equipment to ensure Health and Safety is followed;
e.g. projector filters cleaned by site manager / TA; equipment installed and checked by approved Suppliers;
- Ensures that access to the school's network resources from remote locations by staff is restricted and access is only through school / LA approved systems;
- Does not allow any outside Agencies to access our network remotely except where there is a clear professional need and then access is restricted and is only through approved systems e.g. technical support or MIS Support, our Education Welfare Officers accessing attendance data on specific children, parents using a secure portal to access information on their child;
- Provides pupils and staff with access to content and resources through the approved Learning Platform which staff and pupils access using their username and password (their USO username and password);
- Makes clear responsibilities for the daily back up of MIS and finance systems and other important files;
- Has a clear disaster recovery system in place for critical data that includes a secure, remote back up of critical data, that complies with external Audit's requirements;

- Ensures that all pupil level data or personal data sent over the Internet is encrypted or only sent within the approved secure system in our LA or through USO secure file exchange (USO FX);
- Follows ISP advice on Local Area and Wide Area security matters and firewalls and routers have been configured to prevent unauthorised use of our network;
- Our wireless network has been secured to industry standard Enterprise security level /appropriate standards suitable for educational use;
- All computer equipment is installed professionally and meets health and safety standards;
- Projectors are maintained so that the quality of presentation remains high;
- Reviews the school ICT systems regularly with regard to health and safety and security.

Password policy

- This school makes it clear that staff and pupils must always keep their password private, must not share it with others and must not leave it where others can find it;
- All staff have their own unique username and private passwords to access school systems. Staff are responsible for keeping their password private.

E-mail

This school:

- Provides staff with an email account for their professional use, London Staffmail / LA email and makes clear personal email should be through a separate account;
- Does not publish personal e-mail addresses of pupils or staff on the school website. We use anonymous or group e-mail addresses;
- Will contact the Police if one of our staff or pupils receives an e-mail that we consider is particularly disturbing or breaks the law;
- Will ensure that email accounts are maintained and up to date;
- Reports messages relating to or in support of illegal activities to the relevant Authority and if necessary to the Police;
- Knows that spam, phishing and virus attachments can make e mails dangerous. We use a number of LGfL-provided technologies to help protect users and systems in the school, including desktop anti-virus product Sophos, plus direct email filtering for viruses, Trojans, pornography, phishing and inappropriate language. , Finally, and in support of these, LGfL WebScreen2 filtering monitors and protects our Internet access to the World Wide Web.

Pupils:

- Pupils are introduced to, and use e-mail as part of the IT/Computing scheme of work;

- Pupils are taught about the safety and 'netiquette' of using e-mail both in school and at home i.e. they are taught:
 - not to give out their e-mail address unless it is part of a school managed project or to someone they know and trust and is approved by their teacher or parent/carer;
 - that an e-mail is a form of publishing where the message should be clear, short and concise;
 - that any e-mail sent to an external organisation should be written carefully and authorised before sending, in the same way as a letter written on school headed paper;
 - they must not reveal private details of themselves or others in e-mail, such as address, telephone number, etc;
 - to 'Stop and Think Before They Click' and not open attachments unless sure the source is safe;
 - that they should think carefully before sending any attachments;
 - embedding adverts is not allowed;
 - that they must immediately tell a teacher / responsible adult if they receive an e-mail which makes them feel uncomfortable, is offensive or bullying in nature;
 - not to respond to malicious or threatening messages;
 - not to delete malicious or threatening e-mails, but to keep them as evidence of bullying;
 - not to arrange to meet anyone they meet through e-mail without having discussed with an adult and taking a responsible adult with them;
 - that forwarding 'chain' e-mail letters is not permitted.

- Pupils understand the e-safety rules, including e-mail and we explain how any inappropriate use will be dealt with.

Staff:

- Staff can only use the LGfL e mail systems on the school system;
- Staff only use LGfL e-mail systems for professional purposes;
- Staff use a 'closed' LA email system which is used for LA communications and some 'LA approved' transfers of information;
- Never use email to transfer staff or pupil personal data. We use secure, LA / DfE approved systems. These include: S2S (for school to school transfer); Collect; USO-FX, *named LA system*;
- Staff know that e-mail sent to an external organisation must be written carefully;
- The sending of multiple or large attachments should be limited, and may also be restricted by the provider of the service being used;
- The sending of chain letters is not permitted;
- embedding adverts is not allowed;

- All staff sign our Acceptable Use Form to say they have read and understood the e-safety rules, including e-mail and we explain how any inappropriate use will be dealt with.

School website

- The Headteacher takes overall responsibility to ensure that the website content is accurate and the quality of presentation is maintained;
- Uploading of information is restricted to our website authorisers: These are designated members of the IT and admin teams;
- The school web site complies with the statutory DfE guidelines for publications;
- Most material is the school's own work; where other's work is published or linked to, we credit the sources used and state clearly the author's identity or status;
- The point of contact on the web site is the school address, telephone number and we use a general email contact address, e.g. info@schooladdress or admin@schooladdress. Home information or individual e-mail identities will not be published;
- Photographs published on the web do not have full names attached;
- We do not use pupils' names when saving images in the file names or in the tags when publishing to the school website;
- We do not use embedded geo data in respect of stored images;
- We expect teachers using' school approved blogs or wikis to password protect them and run from the school website.

Learning platform

- Uploading of information on the schools' Learning Platform / virtual learning space is shared between different staff members according to their responsibilities e.g. all class teachers upload information in their class areas;
- Photographs and videos uploaded to the schools LEARNING PLATFORM will only be accessible by members of the school community;
- In school, pupils are only able to upload and publish within school approved and closed systems, such as the Learning Platform.

Social networking

- Teachers are instructed not to run social network spaces for pupil use on a personal basis or to open up their own spaces to their pupils, but to use the schools' preferred system for such communications.
- School staff will ensure that in private use:
 - no reference should be made in social media to pupils, parents/carers or school staff;

- they do not engage in online discussion on personal matters relating to members of the school community;
- personal opinions should not be attributed to the academy or local authority;
- security settings on personal social media profiles are regularly checked to minimise risk of loss of personal information.

CCTV

- We have CCTV in the school as part of our site surveillance for staff and pupil safety. We will not reveal any recordings without permission except where disclosed to the Police as part of a criminal investigation.
- We have specialist lesson recording equipment we use on occasions as a tool to share best teaching practice. We do not reveal any such recordings outside of the staff and will not use for any other purposes.

5. Data security - Management Information System access and Data transfer Strategic and operational practices

At this school:

- We ensure staff know who to report any incidents where data protection may have been compromised;
- All staff are DBS checked and records are held in one central record

We ensure ALL the following school stakeholders sign an Acceptable Use Form and have a system so we know who has signed:

- staff,
- governors,
- pupils
- parents

This makes clear staffs' responsibilities with regard to data security, passwords and access;

- We follow LA guidelines for the transfer of any data, such as MIS data or reports of children, to professionals working in the Local Authority or their partners in Children's Services / Family Services, Health, Welfare and Social Services;
- We require that any Protect and Restricted material must be encrypted if the material is to be removed from the school and limit such data removal. We have an approved remote access solution so staff can access sensitive and other data from home, without need to take data home;
- School staff with access to setting-up usernames and passwords for email, network access and Learning Platform access are working within the approved system and follow the security processes required by those systems;
- We ask staff to undertake at least annual house-keeping to review, remove and destroy any digital materials and documents which need no longer be stored.

Technical Solutions

- We store any Protect and Restricted written material in lockable storage cabinets in a lockable storage area.
- All servers are in lockable locations and managed by DBS-checked staff.
- We use RM Education remote secure back-up/named alternative solution for disaster recovery on our network/ admin, curriculum server(s).
- We comply with the WEEE directive on equipment disposal by using an approved or recommended disposal company for disposal of equipment where any protected or restricted data has been held and get a certificate of secure deletion for any server that once contained personal data.
- Paper based sensitive information is shredded, using cross cut shredder / collected by secure data disposal service.

6. Equipment and Digital Content

Personal mobile phones and mobile devices

- Mobile phones and personally-owned mobile devices brought in to school are the responsibility of the device owner. The school accepts no responsibility for the loss, theft or damage of personally-owned mobile phones or mobile devices.
- Pupil's mobile phones which are brought into school must be turned off, handed into the office on arrival and collected at the end of the school day. Staff members may use their phones during school break times. All visitors are requested to keep their phones on silent.
- The School reserves the right to search the content of any mobile or handheld devices on the school premises where there is a reasonable suspicion that it may contain undesirable material, including those which promote pornography, violence or bullying. Staff mobiles or hand held devices may be searched at any time as part of routine monitoring.
- Where parents or pupils need to contact each other during the school day, they should do so only through the School's telephone. Staff may use their phones during break times.
- Mobile phones will not be used during lessons or formal school time unless as part of an approved and directed curriculum-based activity with consent from a member of staff.
- The Bluetooth or similar function of a mobile phone should be switched off at all times and not be used to send images or files to other mobile phones.
- No images or videos should be taken on mobile phones or personally-owned mobile devices without the prior consent of the person or people concerned.

Pupils' use of personal devices

- The School strongly advises that pupil mobile phones should not be brought into school.

- The School accepts that there may be particular circumstances in which a parent wishes their child to have a mobile phone for their own safety.
- If a pupil breaches the school policy then the phone or device will be confiscated and will be held in a secure place in the school office. Mobile phones and devices will be released to parents or carers in accordance with the school policy.

Staff use of personal devices

- Staff are not permitted to use their own mobile phones or devices for contacting children, young people or their families within or outside of the setting in a professional capacity.
- Staff will be issued with a school phone where contact with pupils, parents or carers is required.
- Staff should not use personally-owned devices, such as mobile phones or cameras, to take photos or videos of pupils and will only use work-provided equipment for this purpose.
- If a member of staff breaches the school policy then disciplinary action may be taken.
- Staff are permitted to take mobile devices on school visits. Parents must not be contacted from these devices. Staff should contact school to pass on messages to parents.

Digital images and video

In this school:

- We gain parental/carer permission for use of digital photographs or video involving their child as part of the school agreement form when their child joins the school;
- We do not identify pupils in online photographic materials or include the full names of pupils in the credits of any published school produced video materials / DVDs;
- Staff sign the school's Acceptable Use Form and this includes a clause on the use of mobile phones / personal equipment for taking pictures of pupils;
- If specific pupil photos (not group photos) are used on the school web site, in the prospectus or in other high profile publications the school will obtain individual parental permission for its long term use;
- The school blocks/filter access to social networking sites or newsgroups unless there is a specific approved educational purpose;
- Pupils are taught about how images can be manipulated in their e-safety education programme and also taught to consider how to publish for a wide range of audiences which might include governors, parents or younger children as part of their IT scheme of work;
- Pupils are advised to be very careful about placing any personal photos on any 'social' online network space. They are taught to understand the need to maintain privacy settings so as not to make public, personal information;
- Pupils are taught that they should not post images or videos of others without their permission. We teach them about the risks associated with providing information

with images (including the name of the file), that reveals the identity of others and their location, such as house number, street name or school. We teach them about the need to keep their data secure and what to do if they are subject to bullying or abuse.

Asset disposal

- Details of all school-owned hardware will be recorded in a hardware inventory.
- Details of all school-owned software will be recorded in a software inventory.
- All redundant equipment will be disposed of through an authorised agency. This will include a written receipt for the item including an acceptance of responsibility for the destruction of any personal data.
- All redundant equipment that may have held personal data will have the storage media forensically wiped. Alternatively, if the storage media has failed, it will be physically destroyed. The school will only use authorised companies who will supply a written guarantee that this will happen.
- Disposal of any equipment will conform to The Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulations 2006 and/or The Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (Amendment) Regulations 2007. Further information can be found on the Environment Agency website.

This policy has been agreed by:



.....Date: September 2024

Headteacher



.....Date: September 2024

Chair of Governors

To be reviewed in September 2026